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Slum Board demolishes 50 illegal houses in Yadavagiri

Mysuru, Apr. 19 (PM&KS)- Despite opposition from slum-dwellers near the Arasikere Railway track at Yadavagiri in MCC Ward. No. 18, Karnataka Slum Development Board officials, led by Executive Engineer G. Harish and with security from the Police, commenced demolition of illegal slum houses this morning.

The slum-dwellers, who opposed the demolition drive, alleged that the houses allotted to them in Survey Numbers 484/1 and 484/2 at Kesare and built under JnNURM, lacked basic facilities such as water and power. Though wordy duel ensued between the residents and officials, the Slum Board officials under tight Police security provided by V.V. Puram Police, commenced the demolition drive.

Executive Engineer Harish said that there are a total of 78 zinc sheet roofed houses built near the Railway track in Yadavagiri, out of which 28 families have obtained a Stay Order from the High Court against shifting them. "We are not touching those 28 houses, but we are razing the remaining 50 houses. On Jan. 31, 2021, houses (flats) built under JnNURM at Kesare were allotted to these 78 beneficiaries through lottery system. All basic facilities have been provided and time was also given to them to shift to their allotted houses. Out of 50 houses that are to be demolished, 20 families have already moved to their new houses at Kesare. If there were no basic facilities, these 20 families would not have moved there and as houses have been allotted to them, we are demolishing the 50 houses using an earth-mover," Harish added.

It may be recalled that MP Pratap Simha and Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra had allotted house numbers through draw of lots to beneficiaries of JnNURM (Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission) houses.

The draw of lots was held for allotment of house numbers to families living in the slum adjacent to the Railway track passing through Yadavagiri and slum-dwellers of Saw Mill area at Bamboo Bazar, for whom the Karnataka Slum Development Board had built houses under JnNURM scheme at Kesare Survey Nos. 484/1 and 484/2.

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COVID testing centres in city see huge rush

- Contact tracing exercise to trace primary, secondary infected persons resumes
- COVID War Rooms at Krishnaraja, Narasimharaja, Chamaraja Constituencies

Mysuru, Apr. 19 (MTY, LNY & BCT)- A huge rush was witnessed at COVID testing centres in city this morning amidst fears of contracting the killer disease. The number of people getting tested has seen an increase at K.R. Hospital and at Town Hall Centres.

While on the one hand people having fever and body-ache are going for the test before consulting doctor, on the other hand, Mysuru-based travellers to other States like Rajasthan, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh to attend weddings are getting themselves tested to possess a 'negative' certificate before entering those States lest they might be denied entry. K.R. Hospital and Town Hall Free COVID Testing Centres witnessed heavy rush and no social distancing measures were observed. People stood close to each other and conversed without masks. Also in the queue were over 75 Policemen who had returned to city after election duty. They were asked to get the tests done before reaching homes. They are under mandatory quarantine now.

(See COVID on page 7)

Long queue of Cops and general public at K.R. Hospital Testing Centre today.

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 19th April 2021

JSS signs MoU to enhance overseas education

Dr. T. M. Pramod Kumar, Principal, JSS College of Pharmacy Mysuru and Gautam Guha, Branch Manager, IDP Education India Pvt. Ltd., exchanging the MoU as Dr. B. Suresh (Pro-Chancellor, JSS AHER), Dr. C.G. Betsurmath (Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha), Dr. Surinder Singh (Vice-Chancellor, JSS AHER), Dr. B. Manjunatha (Registrar, JSS AHER) and Dr. Vishal Kumar Gupta (Deputy Director, Academics), Dr. Amit B. Patil (Coordinator,Training& Placement Cell) look on.

Mysuru, Apr. 19- The Training and Placement Cell (T&PC) of JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysuru, signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IDP Education India Pvt. Ltd., Mysuru Branch, recently to encourage and facilitate aspiring students to gain admissions in the Universities of English-speaking countries like the US, UK, New Zealand, Canada and Australia.

The MoU was signed between Dr. T.M. Pramod Kumar, Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, JSS AHER and Principal, JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysuru, and Gautam Guha, Branch Manager, IDP Education India Pvt. Ltd.

Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Dr. B. Suresh, Pro-Chancellor, JSS AHER, Dr. Surinder Singh, Vice-Chancellor, JSS AHER, Dr. B. Manjunatha, Registrar, JSS AHER, Dr.P.A. Kushalappa, Director, Academics, JSS AHER, Dr. Prashant M. Vishwanath, Coordinator, IQAC, JSS AHER, Dr. Vishal Kumar Gupta, Deputy Director, Academics, JSS AHER and Dr. Amit B. Patil, Co-ordinator, Training & Placement Cell were present on the occasion.

T&PC conducts on-campus and virtual placements by inviting leading pharmaceutical companies every year. It also organises skill development programmes for the students. On an average, 90 percent of students are successfully placed in industries.

IDP Education is the world's leading international student placement company with over 100 centres across the globe.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The Government is going gaga that the pharmacy majors have reduced the price of Remdesivir to meet the demand. What it's not saying is that the medicine is not available even in the pharmacies of the major Government Hospitals. An acquaintance secured four vials of the medicine for a whopping Rs. 10,000 per vial, ten times the cost it should be sold at. Wait a minute! It's not just the money that could get you the vial, one must possess access to a very secure network, almost mafia-like, to reach the supplier. The supply chains are similar to one operated by the drug cartels. The doctors in the Government Hospitals know well that what they are administering is 'illegally' procured and there was no guarantee of its efficacy or being genuine but with prayer on their lips, they go through the drill.

How else does one define failure of governance? One doesn't want to narrate the more pathetic stories of people dying, and the human 'carcasses' waiting for salvation. A political leadership, and one insists of any hue, committed to the game of electoral one-upmanship would not get moved by the tragedy of people as they are motivated only by electoral harvests.

— Sidharth Mishra in The New Indian Express

NEWS SPARKLERS

Spitfire, the Michael Jordan of Dock Diving dogs

New York: Spitfire, the dog, may look like just another Whippet to an ordinary person, but to connoisseurs of the dock diving circuit, he is an incredible athlete in the same league as icons like Michael Jordan, Tiger Woods or Babe Ruth.

Before the Covid-19 pandemic hit, eight year-old Spitfire and his 16-year-old handler, Sydney, dominated the dock diving circuit like never before in the history of the sport. If you're unfamiliar with the sport of dock diving, it's essentially canines running on a wooden dock and jumping as far or as high as possible before diving into a pool of water. And no dog does this better than Spitfire. Between 2016 and 2019, he broke a whopping 21 world records, jumping farther and higher than any other competitor and securing his status as the GOAT of dock diving.

Before he leaps into the air, the world's best dock diver reaches a speed of about 30miles per hour, and when he takes to the air he can reach a distance of 31 feet before hitting the water, or whopping 8ft 6 inches, when he's going for height. It's no wonder they call him the flying dog...

Woman sets record for lowest musical note

British Columbia: Joy Chapman, a singer/songwriter from British Columbia, in Canada, recently set a new Guinness record for the lowest musical note sang by a female, a C1.

For as long as she can remember, Joy Chapman has always been able to sing from the alto, to tenor and base, but it wasn't until her niece started encouraging her to go for a record. The girl had learned that the former record for the world's lowest vocal note (female) was held by a singer who hit a D2 (the second lowest D note on a piano) and she was convinced that Joy could go significantly lower than that. She turned out to be right!

HEALTH CAPSULE

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COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	APR.17	APR.18
Day's Positive Cases	811	777
Total Positive Cases	60,974	61,751
Day's Discharges	387	254
Total Discharges	56,782	57,036
Day's Deaths	8	3
Total Deaths	1,111	1,114
Total Active Cases	3,081	3,601

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

UoM to take final decision about K-SET exam on Apr. 24

Mysuru, Apr. 19-The University of Mysore (UoM) will take the final decision about K-SET exam-2021 (Karnataka State Eligibility Test) on Apr. 24. Deputy Commissioner, City Corporation Commissioners and the Police Department have been requested to ensure security and safety measures at their respective Nodal Centres for smooth conduct of the test, according to a press release from UoM K-SET Convenor.

Entry restricted to Sandhya Arathi at Sri Ramakrishna Ashram

Mysuru, Apr. 19- Sri Ramakrishna Ashram devotees will not be able to attend Sandhya Arathi till May 19 because of COVID-related restrictions. Devotees now can only offer prayers at the temple from 6 am to 12 pm and 4 pm to 6 pm.

Those who are willing to meet Swamiji must take prior appointment by calling Ashram office on Ph: 0821- 2412424.

REALLY...?

- ***If you sneeze too hard you can fracture a rib.***
- ***If you try to suppress a sneeze, you can rupture a blood vessel in your head or neck and die.***
- ***If you keep your eyes open by force they can pop out.***

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1 Euro	= Rs. 89.77

VOICE OF THE READER

Why are neighbouring districts sending COVID patients to Mysuru?

Sir,

As COVID cases surge, Hospitals and Medical Staff in Mysuru are beginning to get overwhelmed. According to numerous medical professionals, about 20-25% of the ICU beds in Mysuru are being taken up by patients from the three neighbouring districts of Mandya, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu.

Use District Medical College Hospitals

It is time the administration in these three districts stepped up facilities because all these three districts — Mandya, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu — have Medical College Hospitals and these Hospitals have doctors, house surgeons and nurses. They have the infrastructure and all that the administration has to do is ramp up the beds or create an ICU.

Why are they not doing it? Is it simply because it is easier to send patients to Mysuru? The State Government should force these local Governments to do more than just declare containment zones and push for vaccination drives.

Use Super-Speciality Hospital

As the fear of hearing "no beds" creeps up, may be it is time to open and use the newly-constructed Government Super-Speciality Hospital, which is next to the Trauma Care Centre on KRS-Metagalli road.

This Hospital can be easily turned into an ICU with 250 beds and more importantly this hospital has an Oxygen generator and piped oxygen which lessens the burden on cylinders.

While at it, may be, like the District Administration did last year, it can take over the defunct Vikram Hospital in Yadavagiri which can have about 40-50 bed ICU with piped oxygen.

These steps will greatly reduce the bed shortage problem that may arise in Mysuru if the cases keep increasing in the city and the neighbouring districts.

— A Hospital Administrator
Mysuru
18.4.2021

A taxing trouble!

Sir,

I have gone through *Star of Mysore* dated Apr.9 regarding glitches in online payment of MCC property tax. Trying to pay online since Apr.2 but couldn't due to the same problem mentioned in your paper.

Today also I tried and made payment through net-banking. The amount was deducted but I could not get the receipt / acknowledgement etc., either by message or email.

I got the message from my bank (SBI) regarding the debit of the amount and the same is reflected in my account statement also.

I request MCC to solve such problems faced by tax-payers.

— S. Krishna Murthy
Ramakrishnanagar 'I' Block
10.4.2021

Vaccination for jail birds this week

No face-to-face meeting with family, only e-Mulakat services, says Jail Superintendent Divyashree

Mysuru, Apr. 19 (RK&SSV)- With second COVID-19 wave creating havoc across the State, the authorities of Mysuru Central Jail have made arrangements to vaccinate 180 jail birds, who are above 45 years of age, on Wednesday and Thursday.

Besides, as a precautionary measure, the authorities have stopped jail inmates' meeting with their families and relatives, and instead arranged "e-Mulakat" (meeting via video-conferencing) till the situation improves, said K.C. Divyashree, Jail Superintendent, Mysuru Central Jail.

Speaking to *SOM* this morning, she said there are 180 jail inmates above 45 years and they will be administered vaccine in the interest of everyone. Already this issue has been discussed with Dr. L. Ravi, Reproductive and Child Health Officer and Nodal Officer for COVID-19 Vaccination in Government Hospitals and Dr. Kiran, Jail Health Officer. The duo have agreed for special vaccination drive this week in one sitting at Jail Health Centre, she said.

RT-PCR must

The Jail Superintendent said new entrants to Mysuru Jail will have to compulsorily undergo RT-PCR test and produce a negative report for the safety of other inmates.

Meanwhile, the Government School adjacent to the Mysuru Jail would be converted into quarantine centre in case any jail bird tests positive for Coronavirus. This jail has 180 staff members and all of them have received two doses of vaccine during the second round of vaccination held for frontline workers.

e-Mulakat

To dissuade families and relatives from meeting their near and dear ones housed in jail, *e-Mulakat* system has been introduced where they can see and talk to their family over video-conferencing. As far as possible, direct meeting with outsiders will be avoided till the pandemic comes under control. All precautionary measures have been taken to protect the jail inmates and staff members from the contagion, she added.

Surge in Corona cases

Oxygen supply to Hospitals channelised to meet demand: Dr. Harsh Vardhan

New Delhi, Apr. 19 (Agencies)- Taking a serious note of shortage of medical oxygen in many States amid surging COVID-19 cases, Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan said that the Centre has taken concrete steps to resolve the issue and situation will be normalised soon.

He chaired a high-level meeting with the Health Ministers of 11 States and Union Territories (UTs) and reviewed the availability of oxygen, ventilators, manpower, medicines, hospital beds in the affected States/UTs including Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, West Bengal, Delhi, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh.

After the meeting, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said that the Government of India was developing oxygen generation plants in many hospitals across the country. "We are buying 1 lakh more cylinders. Last year, we

Dr. Harsh Vardhan

purchased 1 lakh cylinders and gave them free of cost to all the States. The process of moving oxygen from one State to another will not be a hindrance now. The Ministry of Home Affairs has also issued necessary orders in this regard," he said.

On shortage of Remdesivir, he said that it would be handled as quickly as possible. "For this, the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers is getting full support from many big companies. They have also been asked to increase their production. Along with this, the export of this drug has been banned outside India. For any type of black marketing or hoarding of this drug or black marketing of other drugs, instructions have been given to take strict action through the Drug Controller," he said.

Issues related to COVID-19 vaccination and genome sequencing were also discussed during the meeting besides increasing testing and contact tracing strategies, he added.

C. Narayanagowda re-elected as Cosmopolitan Club President

Mysuru, Apr.19 (SBD&DM)- Mysuru Hotel Owners Association President C.Narayanagowda was re-elected as the President of the city's Cosmopolitan Club in the election held yesterday.

Narayanagowda defeated his only rival K.P. Devaraj by a huge margin of 231 votes, thus retaining the President post for the year 2021-22. While Narayanagowda got 357 votes, Devaraj secured 126 votes.

Narayanagowda, who owns Vishnu Bhavan Group of Hotels, is also the President of Vijayanagar First Stage Residents Welfare Association and a member of Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI).

C.Narayangowda

The other office-bearers of Cosmopolitan Club who were elected unopposed are — S. Dwaraki - Vice-President; H.N.Jayapal - Secretary and Veersh - Treasurer.

Committee members: G. Sanjay, G. Madhusudhan, S. San-deep, M.J. Charan, M.N. Nan-deesh, M.S. Jayaprakash and Shanthamurthy.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Rama Navami celebrations

Udayagiri Mahajana Sabha, Mysuru, has organised its 36th year Rama Navami Utsav at Sriramadhama on Apr. 21 and Apr. 22. Special pujas including Sri Ramatharaka Homa (Apr. 21) and Sri Seetharama Kalyana (Apr. 22) will be held and prasadam will be distributed.

Zoo animals adopted

The following individuals have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying the adoption fee: Kuldeep Sikarwar, Mumbai - Spot Billed Pelican & Blacknecked Swan (Rs. 30,000) and L. Gayathri Chakradhar, Mysuru - Spotted Deer & Peacock (Rs. 11,000), according to a press release from the Zoo Director.

Delegation to Bengaluru on Apr.24

Employees of Regional Rural Banks, under the banner of Karnataka Rural Banks Employees Association, will take out a delegation to Bengaluru on Apr.24 seeking fulfillment of demands which included implementation of the recommendations of the 11th pay commission for banks and all other facilities in toto. The delegation will submit a memorandum to the Chief General Manager of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Regional Office at Bengaluru, according to the Association President K.R. Krishnamurthy.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	96.18	feet
Yesterday	:	97.21	feet
Inflow	:	163	cusecs
Outflow	:	4,294	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,261.49	feet
Inflow	:	386	cusecs
Outflow	:	725	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,819.86	feet
Inflow	:	41	cusecs
Outflow	:	320	cusecs

30 children married off in Mysuru during 2020 COVID lockdown

- **234 child marriage complaints received; 204 weddings stopped**
- **Shocking statistics emerge at Zilla Panchayat monthly meeting**

Mysuru, Apr.19 (MTY&SSV)- Karnataka saw a sharp rise in child marriages during the Coronavirus lockdown period last year with maximum children married off within four months (April-July), according to the Karnataka High Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR).

This is a matter of concern, considering the number of children who were married last year. A maximum number of cases were from Mysuru district, followed by Ballari, Bagalkot, Dharwad, Belagavi and other rural parts of the State.

At the monthly meeting of Zilla Panchayat held in city on Saturday, K. Padma, Deputy Director, Department of Women and Child Development said that Mysuru district had witnessed as many as 234 child marriages during COVID-19 pandemic last year. "Many parents took advantage of the situation and married off their minor daughters. Though the Department was successful in stopping 204 marriages after convincing parents, 30 weddings had taken place before the officials and the Police reached the spot. FIRs have been registered against parents and they would face the law," she added.

Damaged classrooms

During the meeting, ZP President Parimala Shyam took officials of Department of Engineering to task for inordinate delay in the construction of rain-damaged classrooms. She wanted to know whether engineers have planned to complete the repairs after any accident took place. This shows laxity of engineers in completing the assessments given to them by elected representatives, she said.

She said in 2019, over 418 classrooms were damaged due to rain and only 277 classrooms have been repaired. "75 works were under progress and 66 works were yet to be done. The work should have been completed last year. Is it possible to take up this work in current fiscal," she asked officials.

Manjunathan, Chairman, Standing Committee on Health and Education, said the engineers of Panchayat Raj Engineering Department were not interested in repair works as funds were released only after completion of 75 percent works. Accordingly, Rs. 8.36 crore had been released. But still it was not known whether they would take up the classroom repair works.

No to solar light

Officials informed the meeting that the tribals of Balle and D.B. Kuppe in H.D. Kote taluk have demanded electricity connection instead of solar lights. Tribals have opined that they would be denied of other benefits of the State Government in case they use solar lights. Besides, they would not be eligible for conventional electricity supply if they use solar light. This project was successful in Kodagu and Chamarajanagar Districts and is yet to pick up in H.D. Kote taluk.

Two-wheelers for needy

Officials from Department of Physically Challenged Welfare were reprimanded over delay in distribution on special two-wheelers.

A total of 24 beneficiaries were selected under this scheme last year but none of them have been given vehicles yet. Only seven beneficiaries have LLR to drive vehicles and others were yet to take it.

Standing Committee Chairman Manjunathan slammed officers for giving reasons instead of finding solution at their level. It was done purposefully to derail such welfare schemes.

Hampi Zoo competing with Mysuru Zoo in all spheres: ZAK Chairman

Mysuru, Apr. 19 (SSV)- Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) Chairman L.R. Mahadevaswamy visited Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park near Kamalapura in Hospet taluk of Vijayanagar district yesterday. He went around the Zoo which is spread on 350 acres of land near Hampi and also inspected ongoing works.

Accompanied by M.N. Kiran Kumar, Executive Officer of the Biological Park, Mahadevaswamy took details of special care being taken for the welfare of animals, inspected ongoing arch work and leopard rehabilitation centre.

Speaking to reporters, Mahadevaswamy said that Hampi Zoo was competing with the century-old Mysuru Zoo in all aspects. The Authority was giving importance to all nine zoo's across the State.

Despite severe heat condition, the Hampi Zoo officials have planted 9,000 trees which is going to give a total green cover to the entire place. A pipeline is laid in downstream of Tungabhadra Dam to ensure water for the Biological Park. Once this work is done, it will provide ample water to fill up all natural water holes in the Zoo as well as recharge underground water.

He said Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa had announced Rs. 30 crore budget for the improvement of Zoos and Forest Minister Arvind Limbavali has released the amount recently. Revenue to all Zoos has been hit badly due to COVID-19 pandemic and the citizens can help Zoos through the adoption of animals and birds of their choice. This will help the Zoos to a great extent, he noted.

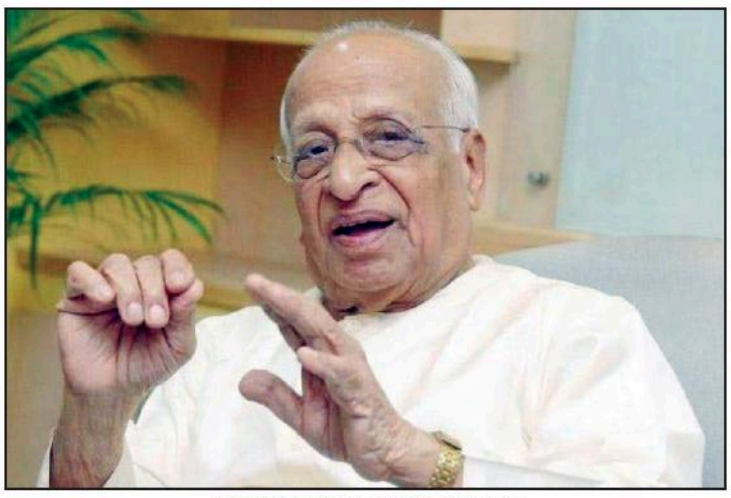
Mahadevaswamy said the animals were fed with chicken instead of beef in all zoos and there has been no change in animal behaviour. They were slowly getting adjusted to the new food. In fact, MLA Anand Singh was taking lot of interest in development of this Zoo which was going to be another important tourist centre along with the Hampi monuments.

RFO Manjunath and DRFO Ramesh and others were present during the ZAK Chairman's visit.

Kannada lexicographer, grammarian Prof. G. Venkatasubbaiah dies at 107

Bengaluru, Apr. 19- Kannada lexicographer, grammarian and literary critic Prof. G. Venkatasubbaiah passed away here early this morning. He was 107.

GV, as he was popularly known in Kannada literary field, has compiled 12 dictionaries and was called as the walking encyclopedia of Kannada language and culture. His works covered various forms of Kannada literature, including grammar, poetry, translation and essays.



Prof. Ganjam Venkatasubbaiah

Venkatasubbaiah was born on August 23, 1913 at Ganjam village in Srirangapatna, Mandya district. He secured his Post-Graduate degree in Kannada from Maharaja's College, Mysuru, in 1937.

He started his career as a teacher at a Municipal School in Mandya. Later, he went on to teach at a High School in Davanagere and at Maharaja's College in Mysuru before switching over to Vijaya College in Bengaluru.

He took up the task of working on Kannada-to-Kannada dictionary as its chief editor after retiring from Vijaya College in 1973.

Ganjam Venkatasubbaiah had presided over the 77th Akhila Bharata Kannada Sahitya Sammelana held in Bengaluru in 2011.

His monumental literary works got him various awards, including the *Padma Shri, Pampa Award, Bhasha Samman* by the Sahitya Akademi, Karnataka Rajyotsava Award and the Karnataka Sahitya Akademi Award.

His enthusiasm even after crossing 100 years had caught the attention of people.

It may be recalled, *Star of Mysore* had published an article titled **"Kannada linguist, grammarian, teacher, writer and lexicographer: G. Venkatasubbaiah turns 107"** under the Column ***Mysore Memories...*** by Dr. S.N. Bhagirath on Aug. 23, 2020.

Fr. John Francis Texeira passes away

Mysuru, Apr. 19- Rev. Fr. John Francis Texeira (72), Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Church at Naganahalli, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in city following brief illness.

Funeral was held today afternoon at the Catholic Cemetery in Belawadi Parish, Mysuru and the Requiem Holy Mass was held at 3 pm today at St. Joseph's Cathedral in city, according to the communication from the Bishop's House.

Rev. Fr. John Texiera was born in Virajpet, Kodagu district on June 4, 1949 to Paul Texiera and Hilda Vaz couple. He was the eldest among three sons. After completing his primary education at Virajpet, Rev. Fr. John joined St. Marys Minor Seminary in Mysuru. He completed his High School education at St. Philomena's High School, PUC at St. Philomena's College and later completed his Philosophy and Theology studies at St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bengaluru.

Fr. John completed Master Degree in Catechetics at Vishwadeep, Bengaluru. He also served as the Director of Catholic Centre in Mysuru for six years and was also the Dean of Hunsur Deanery. He was ordained a Priest on June 24, 1975 at Siddapura, Kodagu district by the then Bishop of Mysuru Most Rev. Dr. Mathias Fernandes.

Rev. Fr. John Francis Texeira

After serving for a few years as an assistant Parish Priest at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Mysuru, Fr. John was appointed as the Parish Priest of the Sacred Heart Church in Yadavagiri. He later served as the Parish Priest at Pandavapura, Kamagere, Siddapura, Shantipura, Nanjangud and was serving as the Parish Priest of the Sacred Heart Church, Naganahalli since last June.

Bishop of Mysuru Most Rev. Dr. K. A. William, Bishop Emeritus Most Rev. Dr. Thomas A. Vazhapilly and Priests of the Diocese have condoled the demise of Rev. Fr. John F. Texiera.

Obituary

Rajamma

Mysuru, Apr. 19 - Rajamma (55), wife of Mahadevu and a resident of Sharadadevinagar, passed away this morning following a heart attack.

She leaves behind her husband, three sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the burial grounds on Maruthi Tent Road in Janata Nagar this afternoon.

M. R. Indu Shankar

M.R. Indu Shankar (81), a resident of K.T. Street, passed away yesterday morning in city. He leaves behind his wife Indramma, sons Kantharaju and Raghavendra and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Jodi Tenginamara Burial Grounds at Bannimantap this morning.

Abdul Rahman Khan

Abdul Rahman Khan alias Gowher Tarikervi (82), retired lecturer at Teachers Training Institute, Vasanth Mahal and a resident of Rajivnagar near Makkah Masjid, passed away yesterday in city.

A well known Urdu Poet of the State, he leaves behind his wife, three daughters, two sons, grand children and a host of relatives and friends. Namaz-e-Janaza was held at Masjid-e-Azam on Ashoka Road this morning followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Malamma

Malamma (75), a resident of Chikkabeechanahalli in the taluk, passed away yesterday morning at her residence.

She leaves behind two sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed yesterday evening at the village.

Sakamma

Hunsur: Sakamma (75), wife of late Dasappa and a resident of Kalkunike Housing Board Colony, passed away yesterday at her residence. She leaves behind one daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the burial grounds adjacent to the Taluk Office.

Kalamma

Chunchanakatte: Kalamma (74), wife of late Appaji Gowda and a resident of Kesthur Koppal village, passed away yesterday.

She leaves behind three sons including Muzrai Department Commissioner K.A. Dayanand, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at her native place yesterday afternoon.

Fire Brigade staff avert major fire mishap at hotel

Mysuru, Apr. 19 (YDS&KS)- Fire and Emergency Services personnel attached to Saraswathipuram Fire Brigade have averted a major fire mishap at a hotel in Dattagalli by extinguishing the fire on time and preventing it from spreading further.

Yesterday evening, when the cooks at Uma Mahesh Prasad Hotel were heating oil in a vessel, the oil caught fire and the shocked staff rushed out of the hotel. Immediately, the hotel owner called up Saraswathipuram Fire Brigade and informed them about the fire. The Fire staff, who rushed to the hotel on time, succeeded in extinguishing the fire and prevented it from spreading further, thus averting a major fire mishap.

Student commits suicide

Mysuru, Apr. 19 (MK&KS)- An Engineering student committed suicide by hanging self at his house in Giridarshini Layout on Saturday morning.

The deceased student is Sujith Obalesh Rai (19). Sujith had prepared himself to take up National Defence Academy (NDA) exams during holidays. His mother is a High School teacher.

On Saturday morning, after his mother left for work, Sujith reportedly ended his life by hanging self at the room of the house. Alanahalli Police, who have registered a case said that the reason for Sujith to take the extreme step is yet to be known.

Two drown at Mallalli Falls

Madikeri, Apr. 19 (KS)- Two persons, including a 20-year-old girl, who were part of a six-member group, who had come for a picnic to Mallalli Falls near Somwarpet on Sunday morning, have drowned in the falls.

The deceased are Shashikumar (32), son of Ramu, who is working at a private company in Bengaluru. Shashikumar had got married a year aback. The deceased girl is Divya, daughter of Unnikrishna Kamakshi, who is working at a Super Market at Suntikoppa. Shashikumar and Divya are said to be relatives and following holiday, Shashikumar had come to Suntikoppa.

On Sunday morning, Shashikumar and Divya, along with four others went to Mallalli Falls and when Divya went to the falls to wash her hands, she reportedly slipped and fell into the water and Shashikumar, who rushed to her help, also got drowned.

Expert divers and swimmers were pressed into service and the bodies were fished out in the presence of Suntikoppa Police, who have registered a case.

Locals said that despite a warning board warning tourists not to go into water, most tourists ignore the warning resulting in many youths getting drowned.

One killed, three seriously injured as tipper collides with car

Begur, Apr. 19 (Nagesh&KS)- A 55-year-old man was killed and three others suffered serious injuries when a tipper vehicle collided head-on with a car on National Highway (NH) 766 near Government PU College at Begur village yesterday.

While the deceased has been identified as Nagarajappa, the seriously injured are Manjunath, Kavya and Shylaja, who are undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Mysuru.

Nagarajappa, along with others were proceeding in a car from Gundlupet to Bengaluru, when the tipper vehicle, coming from Hirikaati towards Begur, collided head-on with the car resulting in all four occupants of the car sustaining serious injuries.

Passersby shifted the injured to Begur PHC and later shifted them to a private hospital in Mysuru, where Nagarajappa succumbed to injuries. Begur Police have registered a case.

COVID War Room gets over 100 calls a day

• Most of the callers enquire about availability of ICUs, ventilator beds

• Four vehicles added to the existing fleet to shift patients to hospitals

Mysuru, Apr. 19 (SPN, RK&BCT)- With the number of fresh COVID-19 cases surging on a daily basis, the Mysuru City Corporation COVID War Room (Control Room) has been receiving over 100 calls per day. Executives and doctors are working in the War Room — situated at the New DC Office at Siddharthanagar — round-the-clock answering calls of patient relatives to enquire about, and secure beds. At the backend, there are 22 data operators.

Tempo Traveller-Ambulances stationed at Town Hall premises in city this morning for emergency use. Picture right shows free COVID testing for general public being undertaken at Town Hall Testing Centre today.

The War Room receives more than 100 calls every day and the calls have increased over the last couple of days. "Most calls that land up at the War Room are from those have severe fever since the last 10 days. These people have neglected the fever initially and are seeking help at the eleventh hour. The most number of calls received are for ICU and ventilator beds. We are ready to help them but at the same time, they must not neglect even slightest form of illness or cold," Mysuru City Corporation Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj told *Star of Mysore*.

He added that most of the people who call the War Room are brought to various hospitals in the Government ambulances. "We are allotting beds based on age and oxygen levels; we check the complexities (co-morbidities) and determine the condition of the patient before the allotment of beds," he said.

"The next type of callers are those who want to find out which hospital has the best treatment facilities and the number of beds available. The situation is not alarming as of now as we have taken enough steps to mitigate the suffering. But the advice for the people is to get tested as soon as they see any COVID symptom. Also, people under the designated age groups must get vaccinated voluntarily instead of procrastinating," he appealed.

There are two operators working in the 24x7 War Room in two shifts and the night shift is managed by the shift-in-charge doctor. There are three doctors in the War Room and Dr. Seethalakshmi is the Nodal Officer. Other doctors are Dr. Manjunath who is the vaccination in-charge and Dr. Ashok who is the shift in-charge.

They have a back-end team of 22 data operators to generate the caller data and also vaccination data. The calls to the War Room have also increased because some patients call multiple times for inquiry of beds or other medical facilities, sources said. **War Room can be contacted on Ph: 0821- 2957711.**

Four ambulances added

Meanwhile, amidst reports from Bengaluru that private ambulances and certain ambulance drivers are charging 'packages' to shift the critically ill COVID patients from homes to hospitals and the dead from hospitals to crematoriums, the Mysuru City Corporation has added an extra fleet of vehicles.

The District Administration has one oxygenated ambulance, two mini ambulances and four Tempo Travellers at its disposal. These ambulances are stationed at the office of District Health Officer in Nazarbad. Adding to the fleet of existing vehicles, the COVID War Room is adding four more vehicles including ambulances and two Tempo Travellers, Dr. Nagaraj said.

The ambulances are used based on need and as soon as the War Room passes on information to the ambulance drivers to go to a particular hospital or to a home to pick up the sick. Also, whenever there is a need to shift the dead from the hospital for cremation, information is relayed by the War Room. "There is no shortage of ambulances and people need not worry. If at all there is a requirement, steps would be taken to add more vehicles to the fleet," he said.

Over 12 teams have been put on duty to sanitise the homes of the infected to minimise the chances of the disease being spread. Two exclusive ambulances have been readied to transport the dead from the hospital to 'Mukthidhama' crematorium in Vijayanagar Fourth Stage.

Key meet at 3 pm today to discuss sweeping curbs

• Night curfew has failed, say experts; curfew timings might be increased from 8 pm to 6 am

• Weekend lockdown, shifting of markets to open areas, restricting entry to hotels, bars, clubs likely

Bengaluru, Apr. 19 (KMS& BCT)- The State Government will decide on stricter measures including extending night curfew, weekend lockdown, shifting of markets to open areas, closing all public places for specific hours and restricting entry to hotels, gyms, bars and clubs to rein in the COVID-19 second wave at a meeting of MLAs, MPs and Ministers of all parties called at Vidhana Soudha at 3 pm today.

Revenue minister R. Ashoka will chair today evening's meeting. The meeting has been called as directed by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa who is receiving treatment for COVID-19 in Manipal Hospital. The CM will join the meeting via video-conferencing.

The focus of the meeting will be on controlling spiralling positive cases in cities including Bengaluru and Mysuru. To speed up the vaccination drive, the Government is mulling to give home-to-home vaccines as people are shying away from vaccination centres for the fear of contracting the disease at the inoculation centres. As per plan, people above 45 will be identified and healthcare workers would visit individual houses to vaccinate them.

The talks come at a time when experts have warned that the Government is fast losing control over the second surge. Yesterday, Bengaluru Urban reported 12,793 positive cases, Mysuru 777, Tumakuru 494, Kalaburagi 671, Bidar 469 and Hassan 348 positive cases compelling the Government to think of extending the existing night curfew till the end of April.

Apart from extending the existing timings from 10 pm to 5 am to 8 am and 6 am, more cities are likely to come under night curfew.

Government sources admit that the night curfew has not helped much because not many people socialise after 10 pm. "The Government is not considering a lockdown but measures that involve stringent actions to curtail movement. The virus is being spread through the activities and movements of people. The decision before the Government is how many activities it will curtail. As the night curfew did not see any results, its hours might be extended from 8 pm to 6 am," sources added.

Ahead of today's meeting, Ashoka said that all options other than lockdown will be discussed. "There will be no lockdown. The Chief Minister has also clarified on this. We will not allow the livelihood of the poor to be affected. We have to live with COVID-19. We have seen what happened after the last lockdown, when lakhs of migrant people thronged railway stations. Lockdown will put people's livelihood at stake," he said.

Suggestions from elected representatives will be taken note of and will be conveyed to the Chief Minister. New guidelines will be issued as per the CM's advice, Ashoka added.

Health experts have advised the Government to declare lockdowns at least on weekends. While the Government cannot impose a full lockdown considering the economy and livelihood, major cities must have a lockdown on weekends. Such an action will discourage people from venturing out and socialise unnecessarily, experts have stated.

COVID-19: Contact tracing meeting held for teachers

(Continued from page 1)

It is marriage season in North Indian States and those from Mysuru too are going there in trains. As there is a rule that all travellers must have a COVID-negative report not less than 72 hours, families, women, men and children arrived at K.R. Hospital today to get tested.

Contact tracing

Meanwhile, the District Administration has decided to resume contact tracing where primary and secondary contacts of positive persons are traced. This is the only way to check the disease from spreading. As part of this exercise, a meeting was held this morning at Town Hall where over 220 teachers from Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) limits were given training on contact tracing and reporting mechanism.

Similar to the measures taken in the city, rural area teachers would also be utilised for this purpose like last year. Speaking to reporters at Town Hall, DDPI Panduranga and MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj said that they were resuming contract tracing and teams of teachers are formed and designated as 'quarantine watch-up team' and 'home isolation watch-up team'.

Also, three exclusive COVID War Rooms will be established for Krishnaraja, Narasimharaja and Chamaraja Constituencies. "We have trained the teachers in their respective roles. Starting from now, teachers will visit the houses of COVID-positive persons, people who have been home-isolated, and homes of those who have been put under the mandatory 14-day quarantine. Selfies and photos will be taken as part of the reporting mechanism and data sheets will be updated by the teachers," Panduranga said.

Home isolation, contact tracing and quarantine are non-medical interventions, but very important from the point of view of controlling the virus spread. Teachers who were earlier deputed for COVID duty are now being brought back as cases are rising and meetings are being held with coordinators and special officers are appointed in each MCC zone to look into contact tracing, isolation and quarantine.

"When teachers come home to check on quarantined, please cooperate and stay within the comforts of home," appealed Dr. Nagaraj. Additional War Rooms and Control Rooms will be established at the new DC Office at Siddarthanagar and teachers, Government officers, Block Education Officers and employees from non-critical departments would be used, the Health Officer added.

This apart, the District Administration has readied a full-fledged COVID Care Centre (CCC) at the Academic Bhavan of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) in Mandakalli. Also, the administration is planning doorstep testing facility, aimed at testing people of age and those living in high-risk areas.

AYUSH Dept. to re-open COVID Care Centre at KSOU building

Mysuru, Apr. 19 (SSV)- Following spike in Corona positive cases, District AYUSH Department has requested the State Government to immediately dispatch Ayurveda, Unani and Homoeopathy medicine for public distribution.

Confirming this to *SOM*, District AYUSH Officer Dr. C.N. Seethalakshmi said there has been enquiries from the general public regarding distribution of certain immunity booster medicines in Ayurveda, Unani and Homoeopathy to fight against Coronavirus.

The Department had distributed one lakh worth Ayurveda medicine and Rs. 50,000 worth Homoeopathy medicine free last year. This time, due to advent of COVID-19 second wave, medicines worth Rs. 30 lakh was needed for the district, she added. She said there was great demand for Ayurveda, Unani and Homoeopathy medicines which had helped people to build immunity against the pandemic. The medicines were distributed last year not only in the city but also in rural areas. The Department is ready to distribute them if the Government dispatches the stock at the earliest.

"Planning to distribute immunity boosting Ayurveda, Unani and Homoeopathy medicines across the State within a week. It will be done systematically."

—Ramachandra, Commissioner, AYUSH Department

"There is great demand for immunity booster medicines. Distribution will be done as per stock."

— Dr. Gajanana Hegde, Principal, Ayurveda Hospital

Dr. Seethalakshmi said the Department was seriously considering re-opening of COVID Care Centre at Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) building on Hunsur Road. Over 80 patients admitted to the Centre earlier had recovered due to Ayurveda treatment. Now, people were making telephone calls to re-open COVID Care Centre and the Department is planning to have it in city. There were six doctors, six nurses and six Group D employees. Except 3-4 patients, all of them have been discharged after recovery, she said.

MCC Abhaya team staff spraying disinfectant near a house on Navilu Road in Kuvempunagar this morning after the inmates of one of the houses tested positive for COVID.

Private bus owners and drivers stage protest against plying of more KSRTC buses

Mysuru, Apr.19 (MTY&DM)- Alleging that KSRTC authorities were operating more buses in violation of the agreement entered into following the launch of indefinite strike by KSRTC employees on Apr.7, private bus owners and drivers staged a demonstration at Doddakere Maidan on Sunday.

Claiming that they were suffering losses due to the drop in passenger occupancy following increased operation of KSRTC buses, the Private bus owners brought their buses out of the Sub-urban bus stand and parked at Doddakere Maidan, where they staged the demonstration against Transport authorities.

Mysuru District Tourist Bus Owners Association President A.V. Prithviraj said that the transport authorities had breached the agreement that one KSRTC bus should ply after four private buses/public transport vehicles leave from Sub-urban bus stand with passengers.

Maintaining that the operation of a higher number of KSRTC buses on all routes had resulted in huge losses for private bus owners due to poor passenger patronage, he urged the authorities to stick on to the agreement reached with private bus owners when the KSRTC strike commenced.

Meanwhile KSRTC Mysuru Rural Divisional Controller K.H. Srinivas told *Star of Mysore* that yesterday being a Sunday, there was a drop in the number of passengers. Asserting that commuters were preferring KSRTC buses as Private buses would wait till the filling up of all seats, he said that no private bus or other public transport vehicle was asked to move out of the Sub-urban bus stand.

Pointing out that passengers are free to make their own choice of travel (KSRTC or private bus), Srinivas maintained that several private buses continued to pick up passengers from the Sub-urban bus stand till late evening yesterday.

Drugs Control Officer warns against blackmarketing of Remdesivir

Mysuru, Apr.19 (SPN&DM)- Mysuru-Mangaluru Region Deputy Drug Controller Nazeer Ahmed has warned of stern action against blackmarketing of 'Remdesivir' vaccine, which is a crucial medicine for treatment of COVID-19.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Nazeer Ahmed said that severe action against those who create artificial shortage of 'Remdesivir' vaccine by stocking for huge profits. Pointing out that he has been appointed as Surveillance officer for Mysuru-Mangaluru region following large scale complaints of shortage of the vaccine drug, he said that all measures have been taken to ensure that the vaccine is readily available at all COVID-19 Hospitals in the region.

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Feng Shui is an ancient tool used to create harmonious, peaceful and joy-filled environments. The metaphysical science which is over 3,000 years old creates the perfect environment and feel in a building, be it a home or workplace.

Feng Shui's true roots start with the land your building is placed upon. The land's condition, as well as its shape, has implications in the life that you lead in that home or business. The care you put into your exterior, reflects in the inner workings of your mind, and life.

The language of Feng Shui is intricate and complex; houses and their surroundings are studied carefully for their influence on people living in the house. Hence, it is very important to ensure that the quality of energy in your home determines the quality of your everyday family interactions.

Abundance is not only wealth, but happiness and peace too. True abundance means you are wealthy, prosperous, happy and peaceful; by adapting Feng Shui tenets its quite easy to achieve this. In short the place of dwelling is a metaphor for what you want in your life. If your intention is to achieve more happiness then focus on transforming your home into a living affirmation of joy.

A home of work place with a good view and environment is quite difficult in the present times due to growth and expansion of the city . However, from Feng Shui perspective, the view that you see from your home is important and is essential. An ideal view looking out the front door is one that is expansive which leads to attracting positive events into your life.

To create a happy and harmonious home to bring in more peace and understanding into the family life simple approach through proper design can be adapted by working on the immediate environment and rearranging the furniture and decor in your home.

Out of all the compass directions, the centre sector is the most important to create right balance and harmony in a home. It is from the centre that all other areas of your home draw their energy nourishment. The centre is called the heart of the home, or the yin yang point. The more open and happy the centre of the home is, the happier and more open the people who live in that home tend to be. Take good care of your centre by creating vibrant and harmonious energy there, bring decor items and images that speak to you of happiness.

It is said that Feng Shui energy attracts like or in other words it attracts the kind of energy the place exudes, so a home that is clean, clutter free and loved will for sure promote a harmonious communication between all family members. If you have clutter, try to get rid of it and organise your space. And finally ensure that all your home decor and furnishing expresses love and care.

Using Feng Shui tenets you can create a home that fully supports the health, happiness and well-being of your family and a home that is beautiful, joyful and full of love.

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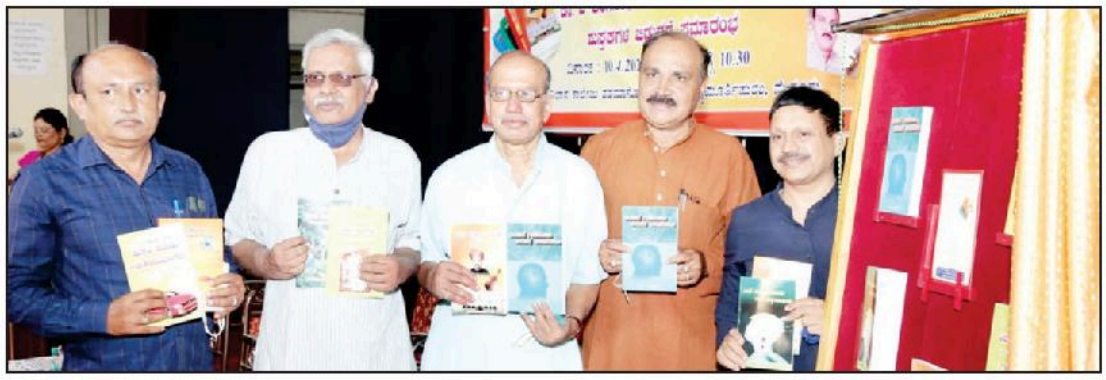
Felicitation volume and seven books of writer Dr. V. Ranganath released



Mysuru, Apr. 19 (RK&SD)- Samskruti Prakashana in association with Vijay Foundation and Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishat had organised a book release programme at Sarada Vilas College Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram here recently.

Manasagangothri Journalism Department Head Dr. Niranjana Vanalli released the following seven books written by thinker, writer, columnist and retired Tahsildar Dr. V. Ranganath:

Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Kalada Kalavidaru; Kopave Solu, Sahaneye Geluvu; Nambike Galisona, Nambike Ulisona; Mane Doddadayitu, Mana Chikkadayitu; Elige Anjida Huli haagoo Mattitara Kathegalu; Shishu Geetegalu and *Makkala Mooru Kiru Kadambarigalu.*

Speaking after releasing the books, Dr. Niranjana Vanalli lauded the simplicity and modest nature of Dr. Ranganath.

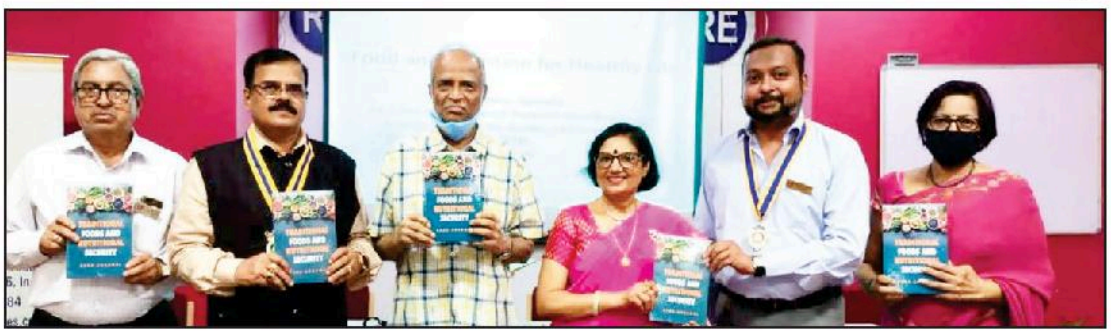
Senior scholar Dr. N.S. Tharanath presided over the event. Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) President S.T. Ravikumar, thinker Dr. V. Ranganath and writer Samskruti Subrahmanya were present.

Later in the afternoon, Senior Pracharak of RSS S. Ramanna released a felicitation volume named '*Rangabhinandana*' at the same venue. Editor of felicitation volume and writer Samskriti Subrahmanya spoke about the works of Dr. V. Ranganath.

MLA L. Nagendra, Corporator Shivakumar, former Corporator Shankar, founder of Chutuku Sahitya Parishat Dr. M.G.R. Urs, former President of District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Chandrashekhar and other artists and writers felicitated Dr. Ranganath couple on this occasion.

Industrialist Dr. B.R. Pai presided. Former MLC G. Madhusudhan, National Organising Secretary of Samskara Bharathi P.R. Krishnamurthy and others were present at the function.

Book on 'Traditional Foods and Nutritional Security'



The book authored by Dr. Renu Agrawal, former Chief Scientist and Rural Programme Coordinator, CFTRI, Mysuru, on 'Traditional Foods and Nutritional Security' was released by Dr. B.R. Pai, Industrialist and Wellness Guru on the occasion of World Health Day in association with Rotary Clubs of Mysore, Srigandha and Jayaprakashnagar on Apr. 8 at Rotary Hall. Seen in the picture are** (from left) **President-Elect of Rotary Srigandha Rtn. N.Y. Chigari; President of Rotary Jayaprakashnagar Rtn. Chandrashekar; Dr. B.R. Pai, Managing Trustee of Vijay Foundation; Karamveer Chakra Dr. Renu Agrawal (author of the book), President of Rotary Mysore Rtn. Manjesh Kumar and Secretary of Rotary Mysore Rtn. Roopa Venkatesh.

Book on life and achievements of Mannuru Gurappa launched

Mysuru, Apr. 19 - District Sharana Sahitya Parishat in association with Zilla Jagatika Lingayat Mahasabha had organised a book release programme at Sri Nataraja Auditorium, Shankar Mutt road here recently. A book on life and achievements of senior artist Mannuru Gurappa penned by senior artist and writer L. Shivalingappa was released.

Speaking after releasing the book, Director of Oriental Research Institute, University of Mysore, Dr. S. Shivarajappa said, "Mannuru Gurappa was one of the great artists of our times. He had adopted principles propagated by Basava in his personal life, which everyone in this country should follow without fail. He used to fight against social evils through his art works. His life and achievements are certainly an ideal for today's youth."

Hosmutt Seer Sri Chidanananda Swamiji, senior writer S.T. Shailaja, senior artist N.B. Kaverappa, Sharana Sahitya Parishat President M. Chandrashekhar, Zilla Jagatika Lingayat Mahasabha President M. Mahadevappa, Secretary Marappa and District Kannada Sahitya Parishat former President Maddikere Gopal were present.

PKTB Sanatorium completes 100 years of service

By S.T. Ravikumar

Mysuru, Apr.19- The PKTB (Princess Krishnarajamani Tuberculosis Hospital) Sanatorium on KRS Road in city is celebrating hundred years of service this year.

It was in July 1917, the then Maharaja of Mysore had released Rs. 60,000 for the construction of the Hospital, following which the foundation stone for the Hospital, featuring four special wards, a general ward, an administrative office and staff quarters, was laid on Apr. 6, 1918. The cost of the building upon completion stood at Rs. 98,709, when Col. Devaraj Urs donated Rs.75,000 in memory of Rajkumari Krishnajammanni, the second youngest sister of the then Maharaja. The Hospital building was completed and the PKTB Hospital was thrown open for public service on Nov. 21,1921.

As Rajkumari Krishnajammanni and her children became victims of the deadly TB disease, the then Maharaja of Mysore Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar pledged to build a hospital for patients suffering from the disease. The then senior Surgeon and the Chief Engineer, who were entrusted with the task of finding a suitable place for the Hospital, suggested a few places including the one at Whitefield in Bengaluru and Mount Joy at Basavanagudi, also in Bengaluru. But finally, the vast space located at a height along KRS Road was found to be the most ideal spot for the Hospital. This space also had several other advantages such as availability of power and water, safe distance from residential localities, elevated location, easy reach etc. After functioning for several years on its own as TB, Pulmonary and Chest Diseases Hospital, the Hospital later became an integral part of Mysore Medical College. The Hospital had two major departments — Pulmonary Medicine and Cardio Thoracic Surgery, in which thousands of patients were treated both as out-patients and in-patients.

DRTB Centre: The TB Hospital had a DRTB Centre (Multi-Drug Resistant Tuberculosis) having 16 beds to treat TB patients. The DRTB Centre still exists and functioned as the Nodal Centre for 9 districts from 2012 to 2015 and for 6 six districts since then. The Centre has modern testing equipments such as CANAAT and TRUE NAAT for detection of any stains of the deadly TB disease.

Apart from Col. Devaraj Urs, the Hospital received donations in cash and other things by many donors over the years, who chiefly included Amble Annaiah Pandit, Shampur Papanna, Rao Saheb Munivenkatappa, D. Banumaiah, Dharma Prakash V.D. Rajaram Mudaliar, Huzoor Sahukar Krishnadas, A.S. Rangaswamy Iyengar, Ragimandi Chowdaiah, P.K.Sanatorium Society and Ideal Jawa Society, among others.

The PKTB Sanatorium, which is one of the earliest Hospitals in the State, is located on a vast area of 83 acre land amid rich green surroundings and a pristine and serene environment. The Sanatorium premises now has the 350-bedded Jayadeva Heart Hospital covering 16 acres of space. The premises also houses the Trauma Care Centre covering 4 acres and a Super-Speciality Hospital covering 10 acres. But these two Hospitals are yet to be fully operational for want of equipment and staff.

The PKTB Hospital which is celebrating its centenary year, needs a facelift, for which the Government should provide funds. The Hospital, which has treated lakhs of patients in its 100 years of service, still continues to be a major State Hospital for treatment of Chest and Lung diseases and infections.

As the century-old buildings have turned dilapidated, and MUDA has stepped in for repair and renovation of the Hospital, by allotting Rs.1 crore in its budget.

City Library Authority presents Rs.7.36 crore budget

Mysuru, Apr.19- The city Library Authority presented a Rs.7.36 crore budget at the Budget meeting held at the MCC Council Hall here on Friday. The meeting was chaired by Mayor Rukmini Madegowda.

The meeting discussed in depth the issue of library cess dues that the MCC and MUDA have to remit. An Escrow Account will be opened for direct credit of library cess by the two bodies.

During the meeting, MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh agreed to hand over the building that houses the Siddarthanagar Branch Library and also the new library built at Brindavan Extension to the City Library Authority for free.

Likewise, MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag too said that measures will be taken as per rules for handing over the libraries which are functioning from MCC buildings to the City Library Authority. The meeting discussed shifting of Jayalakshmipuram branch library which is functioning from a rented building, to Kannada Sahitya Parishat building located in Vijayanagar first stage. City Library Authority Member H.M. Shantakumari said that the issue of shifting Gandhinagar Branch Library that is functioning from a rented building to the community hall in Gandhinagar, will be discussed with local Corporators and leaders.

Stressing on the need for engaging children in reading books and develop a craze in them for learning, the MCC Commissioner said that officials must visit schools and hostels and distribute books. He also suggested that old books stocked in libraries be distributed for free to children in schools and hostels.

Shilpa Nag directed the officials to organise ' Mysuru Literary Fair' at the Peoples Park Library premises, featuring events such as Authors Meet, Book Expo, Seminars, Authors' Talk etc.

MUDA Commissioner Dr. Natesh agreed to provide infrastructure such as Wi-Fi connection at the open space in People's Park premises for facilitating the idea of Open Library / Green Library.

The meeting also resolved to reopen Syed Isak's gutted library in Rajivnagar from Apr. 23. An exclusive Joint Bank account has been opened for receiving funds from donors and also to credit the funds already received by Syed Isak from donors.

The other decisions included payment of a monthly honorarium to Syed Isak and to provide temporary employment to the son or daughter of Isak once the library is re-established. MUDA also agreed to allot no less than 5,000 Sq.ft of land for the establishment of the library, which will be built by Nirmithi Kendra.

It was decided to store all the books, furniture and other articles donated by donors, at the office of the Deputy Director of Libraries, until the building is completed.

Deputy Director of Libraries B. Manjunath, City Library Authority Member H.M. Shantakumari and others were present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Emulous

Pronunciation: em-yuh-luhs.
Meaning: Desirous of equaling or excelling.
Origin: The English adjective emulous, "desirous of equaling or excelling; jealous, envious," comes from Latin aemulus with the same meanings, both positive and negative. Aemulus is a Latin derivative of the rare Proto-Indo-European root aim-, im– "to copy, imitate." From that same root Latin derives imāgō (inflectional stem imāgin-) "picture, likeness, reflection (in a mirror)," source of English image, imagine, and imago (a technical term in entomology and psychoanalysis), the Latin verb imitārī "to copy, reproduce, imitate," source of English imitate, imitation, and the Latin adjective inimitābilis "unable to be reproduced or copied, inimitable." Emulous entered English in the 14th century.
Example: Tastefully emulous, Villard wanted his home to transcend its less fashionable location and magnify its owners through classical restraint rather than ostentatious display.

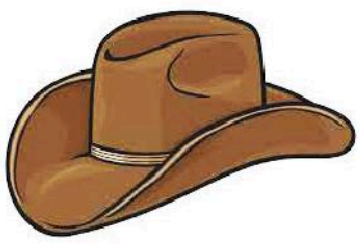
THE ODD WORD

Ecmnesia

Loss of memory of the events of a specific period.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

I'll eat my hat



Meaning: The phrase I'll eat my hat expresses how a person feels almost sure of something. In other words, when someone feels confident in a specific outcome, they might use sayings like this to express that.
Origin: Speaking in a literal sense, would you really want to eat a hat? Considering they are often made from materials such as cotton, wool, or leather—none of which sound appetizing— one would say definitely not. Moreover, consuming a hat can be dangerous due to the chemicals used in making it. For instance, many hats are made from leather, a material that goes through a tanning process where various chemicals are used to help strengthen it. While these chemicals do their job of increasing the leather's durability, they are not something you would want inside of your body. If that's not enough, chewing on tough leather sounds awful for one's jaw, and it probably tastes terrible too. In summary, don't eat your hat!
This expression makes an early appearance in several newspapers from the later half of the 19th century. For example, in the Iowa South West newspaper, 1876: 'If you are not Joe Kirby,' he said, 'I will eat my hat-I mean, of course...'

QUOTE BOX

Love is the magician that pulls man out of his own hat. **—Ben Hecht**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

9285SAFETY4371

Answer: Safety in numbers.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Grouch
5 Card game for three
9 Disposed
12 San ___ : Italian city
13 Magistrate in ancient Rome
15 Norwegian capital
16 In a most pressing manner
17 The French mansion
19 Astronaut Armstrong
20 Hit a ball high
21 Fly than can carry sleeping sickness
23 Gray
26 Scottish river
27 Southwest Indian
28 Deer
29 Piece of work
30 Biblical paradise
31 Commonly used metal
32 A shin-guard
33 Cartoonist Tex
34 Lancashire town
36 Star Wars, initially
37 Australian birds
38 Write it off - it's uncollectible (3,4)
42 Leading act (4,4)
44 Able was I, ___ __ saw Elba ? (3,1)
45 Used
46 Memorandum
47 Physique
48 Neat
49 Nicholas or Alexander

DOWN
1 Swamp critter
2 20th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
3 South Africa's Hashim ____
4 Illicit liquor
5 Young pigeon
6 Disease of the nervous system
7 RK Studio's 1948 offering?
8 Tiny
9 Manner
10 Researcher of popular opinion
11 Make an attempt
14 Cut, snicker - "seen" anagram?
18 Geological period
21 Label
22 Counting-out starter
23 Regarding (2,2)
24 Short dagger
25 Female servant
26 On one's ___ : on one's own ("dot" anagram)?
29 Cram
30 Obvious
32 No longer capable (4,2)
33 Do this when the sign is "+"
35 Throw violently
36 Arenaceous
38 Generated
39 Greek love-god
40 Anil Kapoor movie
41 Rank
42 Prefix for "beneath "
43 Israeli submachine gun

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

C	A	P	■	A	S	O	F	■	C	P	A	S
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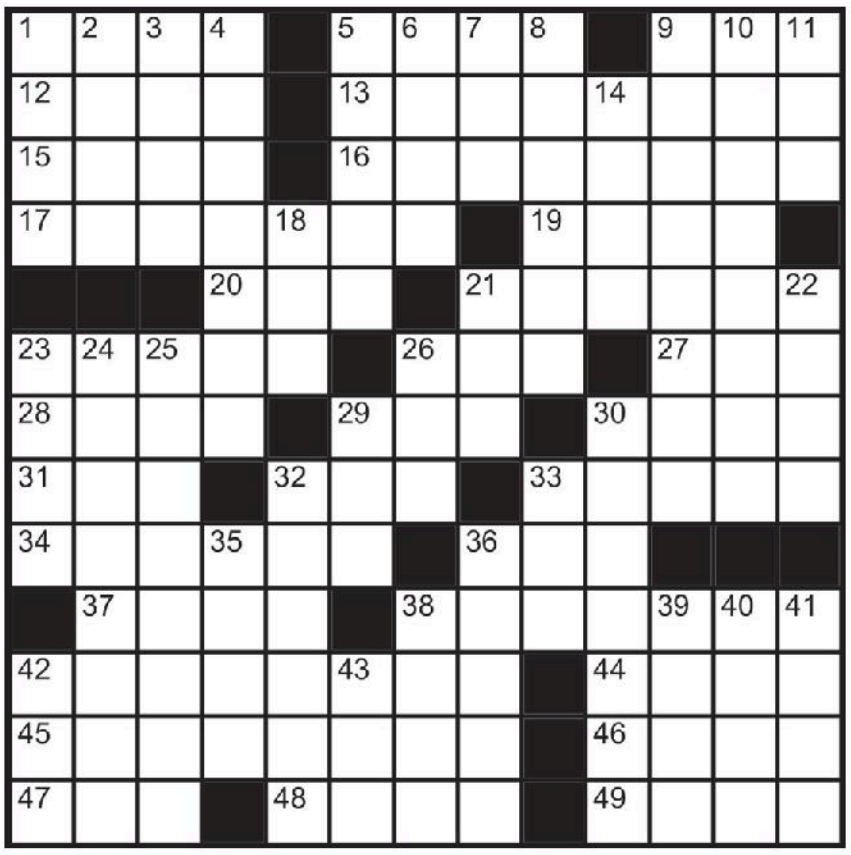

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					3			
					8	2		
6		3	7	1			8	
9	8				6			7

Answer to previous puzzle

5	3	2	6	1	4	7	9	8
1	8	7	5	3	9	2	4	6
9	4	6	2	8	7	5	3	1
6	2	1	9	7	3	4	8	5
7	5	4	8	2	1	9	6	3
3	9	8	4	5	6	1	7	2
2	7	3	1	4	8	6	5	9
4	1	9	3	6	5	8	2	7
8	6	5	7	9	2	3	1	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

HEIXR XYS RC SCVIXDJH LKYR SCV LCVJB ZD;

YGB RKDG BC LKYR SCV KYOD RC BC.

TODAY'S CLUE: V EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I am not afraid of death, I just don't want to be there when it happens.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
Krishna Talkies (K)	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Rewind (K)	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Yuvarathnaa (K)	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Roberrt (K)	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
Vakeel Saab (Te)	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Chasing (Ta)	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
Chakra (K)	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Chakra (Ta)	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows

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Yuvarathnaa (K)	(S-1)	1 pm, 4.05 pm
	(S-2)	10.20 am
	(S-4)	6.45 pm
99 Songs (H)	(S-1)	7.10 pm
	(S-3)	4.10 pm
Rewind (K)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Karnan (Ta)	(S-2)	4 pm
	(S-3)	6.45 pm
Krishna Talkies (K)	(S-2)	7 pm
	(S-3)	10.25 am
	(S-4)	1.05 pm, 3.55 pm
Vakeel Saab (Te)	(S-3)	1.15 pm

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Krishna Talkies (K)	(S-1)	1.40 pm
	(S-4)	5.40 pm
Yuvarathnaa (K)	(S-2)	1.00 pm, 4.40 pm
	(S-4)	10.45 am
Karnan (Ta)	(S-1)	5.20 pm
Vakeel Saab (Te)	(S-3)	1.20 pm
		5.00 pm
99 Songs (H)	(S-4)	2.20 pm

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Yuvarathnaa (K)	(S-1)	10.45 am
	(S-3)	3.50 pm, 6.45 pm
Roberrt (K)	(S-1)	3.30 pm
Karnan (Ta)	(S-1)	6.40 pm
	(S-2)	1.10 pm
Rewind (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am
Krishna Talkies (K)	(S-2)	4.05 pm, 6.50 pm
	(S-3)	11 am
Vakeel Saab (Te)	(S-4)	10.45 am, 6.45 pm
99 Songs (H)	(S-4)	1.40 pm, 4.10 pm

PVR

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99 Songs (H)	: 11.10 am, 2.15 pm, 5.30 pm
Yuvarathnaa (K)	: 10.50 am, 5.20 pm
Vakeel Saab (Te)	: 10.40 am, 5.05 pm
Godzilla Vs Kong (E)	: 2.05 pm
Karnan (Ta)	: 11 am, 2.25 pm, 6.10 pm
Krishna Takies (K)	: 11.15 am, 2.30 pm, 5.40 pm
Kho Kho (Ma)	: 2.25 pm

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Krishna Talkies (K)	: 10.40 am, 5.15 pm
Yuvarathnaa (K)	: 1.55 pm
99 Songs (H)	: 11.05 am, 2.10 pm, 5.55 pm
Godzilla Vs Kong (E)	: 2.55 pm
Karnan (Ta)	: 11.30 am, 2.15 pm, 5.25 pm
Vakeel Saab (Te)	: 10.50 am, 5.40 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

RCB thrashes KKR by 38 runs, moves to top of the table

Chennai, Apr. 19 (UNI) - Blazing half centuries by Glenn Maxwell and A B de Villiers powered Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) thrash Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) by 38 runs in the IPL T-20 match here yesterday.

Chasing RCB's 204 for four, KKR's poor run continued as they lost wickets at regular intervals and were restricted to 166 for eight in 20 overs.

With this win — the third in a row — RCB moved to the top of the table with six points.

Their key players got starts, but none was able to build on it as KKR suffered its second loss in three matches. There was no sizeable contribution from any batsmen with Andre Russel emerging as top scorer with 31 runs.

Openers Nitish Rana scored 18, Shubman Gill made 21, Rahul Tripathi chipped in with 25, skipper Eoin Morgan made 29 and Shakib Al Hasan scored 26, as RCB bowlers kept chipping away with regular strikes to maintain their clean slate at the top.

Excellent run chase from Delhi Capitals

Delhi Capitals showcased their batting might on Sunday as they beat Punjab Kings in Match 11 of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2021 in Mumbai.

Chasing 196 for victory, Delhi rode on a whirlwind 92 off 49 balls from Shikhar Dhawan to register the 2nd highest successful run chase in the IPL at Wankhede Stadium. Dhawan started attacking the Punjab bowlers from the word go in their pursuit of 196, hitting a four to get off the mark against Arshdeep Singh. He hit 13 fours and couple of towering sixes but missed out on his 3rd IPL hundred by just 8 runs.

Dhawan and Prithvi Shaw's opening partnership laid the foundation for the chase as they added 59 for the first wicket in just 5.3 overs. Shaw fell for 32 off 17 balls but Dhawan carried on to anchor the chase but sadly, couldn't stay till the end.

Delhi actually didn't miss Dhawan in the end as Marcus Stoinis added the finishing touches with an unbeaten cameo of 27 off 13 balls with 3 fours and a six. He was well supported by Lalit Yadav at the other end, he remained not out on 12.

Shikhar Dhawan hit 92 off 49 deliveries against Punjab Kings.

Dhawan now occupies the third spot on the list ahead of Warner (5347 runs) and Rohit (5324). Dhawan was also presented with the Orange Cap after the match as he went past Glenn Maxwell to grab the top spot on the list of batsmen with the most runs in IPL 2021.

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 19)

- **Trayinyas Shrividya Foundation:** 12th Vasantha Navarathri Mahotsava, Mahabhisheka, Saptashathi Parayana, Lalithopakhyana Parayana, Shrichakrarchana, Navavarna Puja, **8.30 am;** Shri Dashashyamala Homa, Trayinyas premises, #8, 7th Main, 3rd Block, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 20)

- **Trayinyas Shrividya Foundation:** 12th Vasantha Navarathri Mahotsava, Mahabhisheka, Saptashathi Parayana, Lalithopakhyana Parayana, Shrichakrarchana, **8.30 am;** Shri Vidya Navadurga Homa, Trayinyas premises, #8, 7th Main, 3rd Block, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm.**
- **Children's Literary Club:** Talk on Sunny Side Museum and Indian Military History by Club Director Dr. R. Purnima, Chamundi Children's Home, II Stage Brindavan Extension, **5.30 pm.**

IPL 2021

TODAY'S MATCH (APRIL 19)

CSK Vs RR — 7.30 pm

TOMORROW'S MATCH (APRIL 20)

DC Vs MI — 7.30 pm

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

RCB - 204 / 4 (20)
beat
KKR - 166/8 (20)

DC - 198 / 4 (18.2)
beat
PBKS - 195 / 4 (20)

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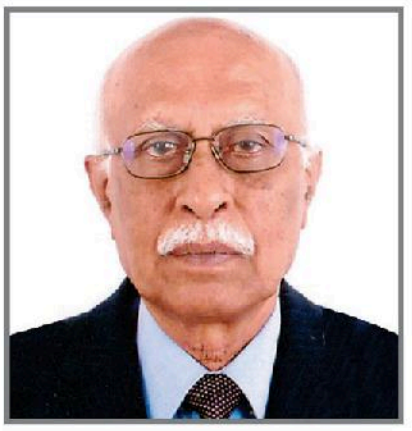

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